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1. SUMMARY: FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL INDICATES THAT SWEDEN WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY CONTRIBUTE AN ADDITIONAL \$450,000 TO UNFDAC IN 1978 THUS MATCHING ITS 1977 CONTRIBUTION AND THAT THERE ARE GOOD PROSPECTS FOR LARGER CONTRIBUTIONS IN 1979 ONWARD. HE RECOMMENDS A LOW KEY U.S. APPROACH TO OTHER GOS OFFICIALS SINCE HE FEELS THAT INTERNALLY SWEDEN IS ALREADY COMMITTED OR VERY NEAR BEING COMMITTED TO MAINTAIN AND INCREASING ITS CONTRIBUTIONS OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO UNFDAC. THE EMBASSY CONCURS. END SUMMARY.

2. ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS REFTELS, EMBASSY NARCOTICS CO-ORDINATOR MET FOREIGN MINISTRY COUNSELOR GUNNAR WETTERBERG ON MARCH 3 REGARDING ADDITIONAL AND LARGER SWEDISH CONTRIBUTIONS OF DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO UNFDAC. WETTERBERG ASSURED EMBOFF THAT SWEDEN WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY MAKE A CONTRIBUTION
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DURING CALENDAR 1978 AS HAD BEEN INDICATED IN GENEVA. THE SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION WILL PROBABLY BE THE SAME SIZE AS LAST YEARS, TWO MILLION SWEDISH CROWNS (\$440,000). WETTERBERG FEELS THAT A LARGER CONTRIBUTION DURING 1978 IS QUITE UNLIKELY FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS.

3. FIRST, THE SWEDISH BUDGET IS ALREADY IN PLACE FOR THIS

YEAR AND IS QUITE TIGHT DUE TO THE CURRENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. SECOND, SWEDISH DEVELOPMENT AID MUST BE LIMITED TO CERTAIN DESIGNATED PROJECTS SINCE IT MAY NOT BE USED FOR ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES. THIRD, ACCORDING TO WETTERBERG, SWEDEN WISHES TO LIMIT ITS UNFDAC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO NATIONS WHICH ARE OR HAVE BEEN TARGETS FOR BILATERAL SWEDISH AID PROGRAMS. TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN, AND LAOS ARE THE ONLY THREE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BOTH UNFDAC PROJECTS AND ARE OR HAVE BEEN RECIPIENTS OF BILATERAL SWEDISH ASSISTANCE. WETTERBERG CLAIMS THAT THE LAOS AND AFGHANISTAN PROJECTS ARE ALREADY FULLY FUNDED FOR 1978. THE PAKISTAN PROJECT WILL BE UNABLE TO ABSORB MORE THAN THE ANTICIPATED SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION. THUS SWEDEN WILL BE FULLY FUNDING "ITS" THREE PROJECTS DURING 1978.

4. WETTERBERG STATED THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT THE SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION WILL INCREASE IN 1979, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE AFGHANISTAN PROJECT WILL BE MAKING HEAVY DEMANDS DURING THAT YEAR. SWEDEN HAS HEARD SOME REPORTS THAT THE PAKISTAN PROJECTS ARE NOT GOING WELL AND THAT THE LOCAL POPULATION IS STRONGLY RESISTING CROP SUBSTITUTION. DESPITE THE NEGATIVE REPORTS FROM PAKISTAN, WETTERBERG IS QUITE CONVINCED THAT THE SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC WILL BE MAINTAINED IN 1978 AND INCREASED IN FUTURE YEARS. HE NOTED THAT BOTH PUBLIC OPINION AND THE GOVERNMENT FAVOR A LARGER EFFORT IN THIS AREA.
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5. THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM KNOWS NOTHING OF UNFDAC OR OF ANY NORWEGIAN ATTEMPT TO INCREASE SWEDISH CONTRIBUTIONS BUT REPORTS THAT THIS IS QUITE NORMAL AND THAT SUCH DEALINGS ALMOST ALWAYS TAKE PLACE DIRECTLY BETWEEN THE CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITH NO REFERENCE TO THE EMBASSY.

6. WETTERBERG FELT THAT A HIGHER LEVEL U.S. APPROACH ON THIS MATTER WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED BUT DOUBTED THAT IT WOULD HAVE ANY PARTICULAR IMPACT IN ACCELERATING WHAT HE ALREADY SEES AS A CLEAR TREND TO INCREASED SWEDISH SUPPORT OF UNFDAC. THE AMBASSADOR WILL TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE HANS BLIX AT THEIR NEXT MEETING AND ALSO WITH THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE WHEN THE OCCASION PRESENTS ITSELF.
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